

**Listing of Claims**

1-30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently amended) A fusion protein, having activity of a transcriptional repressor, that comprises (i) ~~the peptide according to claim 29 or the protein according to claim 30 and~~ (ii) a transcription factor is generated by fusing a peptide to a transcription factor, said peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence represented by:

Asp-Leu-Glu-Leu-Arg-Leu-Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 137 );

Leu-Asp-Leu-Glu-Leu-Arg-Leu- Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 138 );

Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Glu-Leu-Arg-Leu- Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 139 );

Leu-Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Glu-Leu-Arg-Leu- Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 140 );

Asp-Leu-Gln-Leu-Arg-Leu-Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 141 );

Leu-Asp-Leu-Gln-Leu-Arg-Leu-Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 142 );

Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Gln-Leu-Arg-Leu- Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 143 );

Leu-Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Gln-Leu-Arg-Leu- Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 144 );

Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Arg-Leu- Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 145 );

Leu-Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Arg-Leu-Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 146 );

Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Arg-Leu- Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 147 ); or

Leu-Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Asp-Leu-Arg-Leu- Z3 (SEQ ID NO: 148 ),

wherein Z3 denotes 0 to 10 amino acid residues.

32-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) A gene encoding the fusion protein according to claim [[30]]  
31.

35-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously presented) A recombinant vector comprising the gene according to claim  
34.

42. (Previously presented) A transformant expressing the gene according to claim 34.

43. (Previously presented) A transformed plant expressing the gene according to  
claim 34.